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Brooks stars as Aggies beat Bears

By PAUL McGRATH
Battalion Sports Editor

The Texas A&M track team of Coach Charles Thomas overpowered Baylor in a dual meet Saturday, outpointing the Bears, 76-60.

Aggie sprinter Ray Brooks won the 100- and 220-yard dashes and also anchored the winning sprint relay team for A&M. Brooks, a sophomore from Tyler Chapel Hill, had his best times of the year with a 9.4 in the century and a 21.2 in the furlong. The Ags nipped Baylor in the 440-yard relay, breaking the tape at 40.7.

A&M piled up 34 points in the field events to Baylor's 20. The Ags went one-two-three in the shot put with Frank West (54-11 feet), Craig Carter (53-5 feet) and Randy Scott (53-3 1/2 feet) making the sweep. A&M also went one-two in the pole vault, discus and javelin. Brad Blair won the pole vault with a 16-0 foot effort while teammate Pat Ruehle cleared 14-0 feet. Steve Stewart had his best throw ever, winning the discus with a throw of 181-3 1/2 feet. West took second at 163-6 feet. Bill Newton and Stewart finished first and second in the javelin with respective throws of 227-7 and 171-9 feet.

Baylor got 17 of their 20 points in the field from the long jump and high jump. Kevin Delorey and Ricky Thompson lead the Bears in those departments.

Clyde Hart's Bears, the Southwest Conference (SWC) indoor champions, fared no better on the track as A&M had a 42-40 advantage in the running events, despite a Baylor sweep in the 440-yard dash.

Charles Dawson of A&M took second in the 100 to Brooks with a 9.5 while Chuck Butler finished ahead of Brooks in the 220. The timekeepers clocked the Pittsburgh native at 21.3, although it appeared he had nipped his teammate at the wire.

Tony Wheeler won the 880-yard run over two top Baylor half milers, Phil McClendon and Mark Lawless. Wheeler had a 1:49.7 while teammate Jim Brannen ran his best half mile ever in taking third with a 1:50.5.

Shifton Baker and Curtis Collier were one-three in the intermediate hurdles with 52.3 and 52.9 times. Baker was second in the 120-yard highs to Davy Duncan of Baylor with a 14.2.

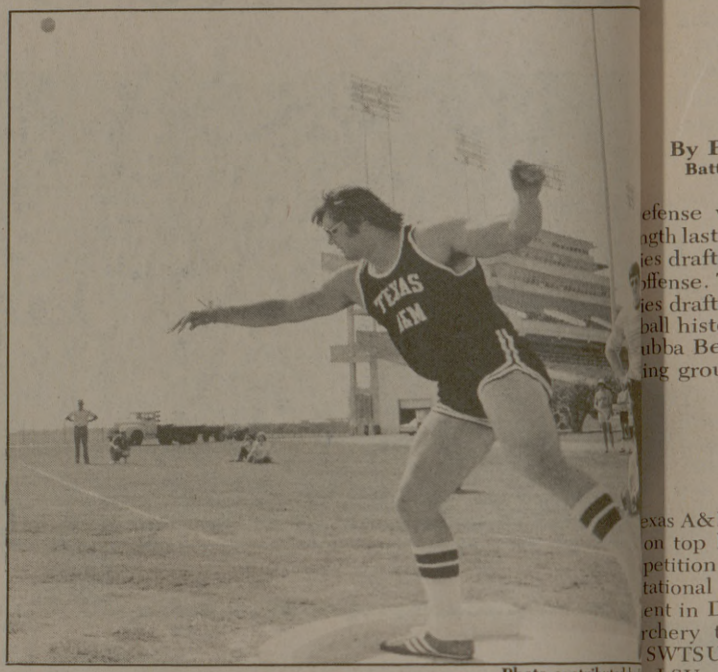
The Bears showed unexpected strength in the distance races, winning both the mile and three mile races. The pre-meet favorite, A&M's Manfred Kohrs, after a week of hard workouts, was tight in both races and could manage only a pair of seconds. "Our sprinters really ran well," Thomas said. "Brooks was our big gun. Butler ran well, especially in the 220. The sprint relay team (of

Butler, Baker, Dawson and Brooks) really ran well."

A&M's 'mile' relay quartet was actually their two-mile team in disguise. Wheeler, Brannen, Joel Vogt and Tommy Glass are the probables to represent A&M at the Drake Relays in two weeks. The foursome will face Baylor's talented two-mile baton group, which won the event at the Texas Relays, this Friday. A&M travels to Waco to meet the Bears on their home ground along with nine other teams in the Baylor Invitational.

"Our two-mile relay team is coming," Thomas said. "You add up their splits and we're pretty tough."

This was the last home meet for A&M as Thomas' squad on the road the remainder of the year. Following the Baylor Invitational the Aggies go to Drake, Iowa and then to Austin for a pick-up meet May 1.



Former A&M star Randy Matson looks on as Frank West shows his winning form in the shot put.



A pack of four Aggies conclude the three-mile run. From left to right are Charles Cottle, Manfred Kohrs, Lane Mitchell and Kyle Heffner.

Bellard satisfied with team progress

Texas A&M Head Coach Emory Bellard noted "vast improvement in a number of players" in last Saturday's hour long scrimmage as the Aggie gridlers continue preparation for the Maroon-White game April 24.

"This was a real good workout," Bellard said, "We've made a lot of progress in two weeks."

Bellard said the coaches are "deliberately working slow," stressing fundamentals and basics of the Wishbone.

The first team offense ran off 43 plays for 313 yards against the second team defense. The first group had 215 yards aground and hit five of nine passes for 98 yards. Quarterback Keith Baker operated the Wishbone particularly well, amassing 90 yards on eight carries. Several of his runs were sideline to sideline weaves through the defensive secondary.

Halfback Darrel Smith gathered 46 yards in seven carries and quarterback David Shipman, who had the starting role in the Aggies' first eight games last year, had nine carries for 35 yards. Shipman hit three of five passes and Baker connected on two of four.

The scrimmage, A&M's second of the spring, was cut short by Bellard due to injuries to a pair of his quarterbacks. Baker strained his back slightly while David Walker

sprained an ankle. Both are to be healthy soon.

Safety Charles Bell's knee and will be out for the remainder of the spring. His serious injury among the Aggies, thus far.

The first team defense allowed 59 yards rushing and 150 yards passing through the airwaves on only two touchdowns.

Hitting by the defense was not as crisp although the defense's sharpness is still lacking. Several incidents of offensive containment by the defense and defensive backs and tight ends, replacing the doubleheader, had an off day, although Hayes of deep receptions in his 2-0.

Defensive coach Les Robertson was pleased with the first team's progress, saying, "They're hitting well, playing hard and showing a lot of improvement."

Robertson said his defense is the farthest along of his players, basically because of the most experienced of Middle Linebacker Robert Bellard, although hampered by a also coming along, Robert Bellard.

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